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<ul> <li>. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material</li> </ul>	8. ⊠ Examiner's \$	Statement of Reasons for Allowance	•

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14, 2004 has been entered.

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on June

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## **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Michael Kroll on November 9, 2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 17 and 18 have been cancelled as being directed to non-elected claims based on election by original presentation.

Claim 19, line 3, the phrase "to on" has been changed to - - to one - -.

Claim 20, line 1, numeral "1" has been replaced with - - 19 - -.

## **REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

A review of applicants' arguments in amendment filed on September 3, 2004 and a review of the instant amended claims has convinced the examiner that the claims are allowable over the applied prior art of record. The prior art fails to teach or suggest that the light ray blocking apparatus comprises a plurality of polarized films peelably connected together in a stack by a first layer of adhesive positioned between adjacent films; that the film stack is connected to a transparent medium by a second adhesive layer; that each film has polarization apertures of various sizes, angular orientation and unique tint level; and that the plurality of said films provides for selective opacity level by peeling off respective ones of said films. Also, no evidentiary support could be provided to support the position that the instant claimed invention would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nasser Ahmad whose telephone number is 571-272-

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1487. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM, and on alternate Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Harold Pyon can be reached on 571-272-1498. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Nasser Ahmad Primary Examiner Art Unit 1772

N. Ahmad. November 9, 2004.